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DENSIFYING THE
INSULATING LAYER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

A1 4. (amended) Method according to [any of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein
the layer [(23)] of silicon oxide deposited in the trenches [(26)] is densified directly after
depositing said layer, before flattening it.

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